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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Attorney for Applicants hereby requests an extension of time of one (1) months in which to respond to the Action which was mailed November 2, 2001. Upon granting this request Applicants' response will be due on March 4, 2002. Please deduct the necessary Extension of Time Fee in the amount of \$110.00 and charge the additional fees and credit any overpayment for this Extension of Time to our deposit account number 04-0500. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

It is respectfully urged that this request is proper and that it be granted to provide the additional time necessary to formulate a satisfactory response to this Official Action. It is believed that, by granting this request further prosecution of this application will be expedited and that Applicants' interest in achieving the best possible protection for their invention can be best achieved.

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